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New Life at Randall Community Center

By: Clynthia Graham

Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc (SBY) in partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation is providing programs for Southwest and near Southeast community residents beginning on January 6th, 2014. The coming attractions at the community center are a result of a concentrated collaborative effort to bring life to a space that has been vacant for some time.

In tune with the many suggestions and ideas from over 100 community members who attended the November 16th Randall Open House, the new Program Guide offers something for everyone at every age, including SBY established programs, like P.O.W.E.R. (Prevention, Outreach, Wellness, Education and Risk Reduction) for teens.

Registration for the following programs is ongoing on Monday's from December 16th through January 6th between the hours of 4:00-7:00pm at the Randall Center, located at the corner of South Capitol and I St SW (across



from Skyline Hotel): Tot Lot for toddlers 18 months to 3 years; Afterschool Time for youth in grades 3-7; Yoga for Youth and Adults; Teen and Adult Book Clubs; Family Time; Still Life & Figurative Painting for 18 years and up; Kawaii Fashion Art; Oral/Personal History and Video Production; Performing Arts/Drama Club; Screenprinting; Craft Workshops; Chess; and monthly Fitness & Health Workshops. These programs will run until March if appropriate numbers of participants are reached.

Other classes are being added as interest grows at Randall.

To register or for more information, please come to Randall during registration days or email cgraham@sashabruce.org to receive an electronic registration form and have your questions answered. Also, please feel free to call the center at 202-554-6973.

We encourage everyone to register for programs and support our efforts at creating a "bridge" where people come together to learn, have fun, and celebrate the diversity and "small town feel" of our neighborhood.

DCPS Tops Nation for Greatest Growth in Test Results

District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) showed the greatest growth of any urban school district in the country on the 2013 Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA), Mayor Vincent C. Gray and DCPS Chancellor Kaya Henderson announced on December 18th, 2013. DCPS is the only school district in the nation to see statistically significant growth in all tested grades and subject areas.

Overall, DCPS students' scores grew by five points in 4th grade reading, eight points in 8th grade reading, seven points in 4th grade math and five points in 8th grade math. This growth represents the highest scores DCPS students have ever seen on this test. The test was administered in March of 2013 and specifically gauges math and reading skills for 4th and 8th graders.

"These results provide further evidence that DCPS is on the right track, and that the investments we have made and the strategies we've employed to improve public education in the District are bearing fruit," said Mayor Gray. "We are very proud of our students and our teachers,

and these results are another reason why we need to stay the course and double down on what's working for our students."

"We still have a long way to go, but our students are growing, our teachers are excelling, and we are ecstatic about today's results," said Chancellor Henderson. "I firmly believe that we are making these important strides because of our commitment to support our teachers and raise the bar for our students."

"The District is a competitive city when it comes to our schools. We have more charter schools than most other cities in the country," continued Henderson. "These results show parents that we are on the right track and that they can choose DCPS and feel good about their decision."

DCPS has also jumped up in the rankings compared with other urban school districts. In 2007, DCPS was last among other urban districts on this test. This year, DCPS jumped ahead of other urban school districts, with as many as nine districts below.

"We are not yet where we need to be, but we are working thoughtfully and with

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Photo: Perry Klein

Rachel Reilly Carroll and Sam Marrero Join ANC 6D

Rachel Reilly Carroll:

Rachel Reilly Carroll was sworn in as ANC Commissioner for Single Member District 6D 03 on December 2nd at Tommy Wells' 7th Annual Livable/Walkable Awards. As 6D 03 Commissioner, Rachel represents residents living in Potomac Place Tower, Potomac Place Condominiums, Capitol Park Towers, and por-

tions of Greenleaf Gardens and Capitol Park Condominiums.

Rachel is the Manager of Investor and Borrower Relations at the Institute for Community Economics (ICE) at the National Housing Trust. ICE is a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) loan fund that

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St. Dominic's Church Regales Neighborhood Children With New Winter Coats

A festive spirit reigned as volunteers from St. Dominic's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus handed out 50 brand new winter coats on November 23rd to needy children living in the Greenleaf Gardens Apartments.

The parishioners of St. Dominic's had raised more than \$2,300, which paid for 120 coats, distributed through the Patrick Cardinal

O'Boyle Council #11302 of the Knights of Columbus' Coats for Kids program. Last year the Knights donated more than 32,500 warm, high-quality coats to children in need throughout the United States and Canada.

Besides the 50 coats that volunteers handed out to the Greenleaf Gardens children at the St. Dominic's parish center at 630 E St SW, new coats were also given to children



participating in the Joseph P. Kennedy Early Head Start Program. That program provides educational services and other assistance for pregnant women and children, some of whom have developmental disabilities. The remainder of the coats will be donated to two other nearby Catholic parishes: St. Vincent de Paul on South Capitol and Holy Name on 11th St NE. Children living in shelters in the area will

also receive some of the new coats.

The coat giveaway at St. Dominic's parish center resembled a joyous party. Children modeled their stylish new coats - black, brown, and blue for boys, and pink, purple, and turquoise for girls - and posed with their parents while volunteers took their pictures.



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Parade of Lighted Boats

By Barbara Ehrlich

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Deputy Joint Base Commander Lt. Col. John Orille served as one of three judges at the annual Parade of Lighted Boats held at the Southwest Washington Marina on Saturday, December 7th, 2013.

Other judges included Theresa Belpulsi (left), Destination D.C. Vice President of Tourism,

and Diane Grooms (right), Washington Metropolitan Police Dept. Assistant Police Chief. Nearly 40 boats competed in the parade that began at the Alexandria, VA, marina and traveled up the Potomac River to the Washington Channel.

The Best in Show was a boat entitled, "Monumental Christmas," featuring lighted images of the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

said Henderson. "It takes time, energy, and effort, and we are well on our way."

The Council of Great City Schools, an organization of the nation's largest urban public school systems, analyzed the data and concluded that, when controlled for both race and income, DCPS showed significant gains consistent with those reported for the 2013 TUDA.

In every subject and grade level, DCPS' below-basic rates shrank significantly, proficiency rates grew, and the number of advanced students doubled. In addition, DCPS students' score growth equaled or exceeded growth of students in the District's public charter schools.

OPED: Southwest Ahead of the Curve on DC's Proposed Affordable Housing

By Michael Rooney

On December 2nd, 2013, District of Columbia Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie announced his intent to introduce a bill that would require all sales of District-owned land that are sold or leased for private development of 10 or more residential units to include a provision in the sale or lease that sets aside up to 30% of all units for affordable housing.

The bill would require all District-owned land within proximity of a Metro station, major bus route, or streetcar line which is sold or leased to reserve 30% of its residences for affordable housing; all other properties would require 20%.

The bill divides the requirements of developers into two categories: rental units and ownership units. Rental properties would need to accommodate two groups of residents: those earning up to 30% of the area median income (AMI) and those earning up to 50% AMI. Ownership properties would need to allocate affordable housing for those earning up to 50% AMI, and those earning up to 80% AMI.

According to McDuffie's communications director, Stephanie Liotta-Atkinson, the purpose of this bill is to address increasing property values, growing income inequality, and the fate of low-income District residents.

The bill further allows the District to sell or lease District-owned land to private developers at lower-than-market prices to encourage the development of mixed-income communities.

"This legislation furthers the District's commitment to affordable housing and could not come at a more critical time. We can help the private sector meet the affordability requirements of the legislation by dis-

counting the value of public land when it is sold or leased. The savings can be reinvested in the creation of affordable units," said Councilmember McDuffie in a December 2nd press release concerning the bill.

While the bill would impact the entire city, the idea of a mixed-income property is nothing new to Southwest DC. The District's smallest quadrant is rapidly gentrifying, witnessing a transition from dreary federal office buildings and low-income housing to highly sought after land and significant potential for redevelopment.

In the midst of this development however, is the need to maintain and provide low to medium income housing to the quadrant's long-time residents.

Given that Southwest is both a historically poor neighborhood, yet simultaneously a booming gentrification spot for young professionals, the quadrant is faced with accommodating these two demographics.

According to Tanya Washington Stern of the DC Office of Planning, the city is working with the community to see what type of development the community needs and mixed-income developments are in high demand for Southwest.

Due to Southwest's economically diverse population, mixed-income developments have already been planned even without a District mandate. For example, the Greenleaf Community, a District of Columbia Housing Authority-managed complex of townhomes and apartment buildings in Southwest totaling nearly 500 units, is in the midst of planning a new mixed-income redevelopment.

However, given the recent November 25th, 2013, Department of Housing and Urban Development denial of an application

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urgency. We are finally starting to see the results we know our students are capable of achieving."

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The Benefits of Green Roofs in Southwest

By William Nesbitt

It is an exciting time to be in our nation's capital. Here, at the confluence of the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers, is Southwest DC, where water from four states comes together, offering the greatest opportunity to reconnect with our surroundings. The waters of the Southwest Waterfront are in need of our help. Our community has a keen interest in the health and vitality of our majestic waterways. With the concentration of development along the Southwest Waterfront, it is time to protect what we have.

A great way to help protect our waterways is through the use of "green roofs." A green roof usually consists of a waterproof layer covered by a lightweight planting medium and a bed of hardy low maintenance plants. Green roofs retain rainwater, which decreases runoff. Decreased runoff helps to prevent pollutants, like lawn fertilizer, automobile fluids, and other debris, from entering the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers.

Green roofs also serve as a stormwater management tool, minimizing sewage overflows, flooding, and the need for expensive infrastructure upgrades. They ease pressure

on the District's antiquated combined sewer system, which, during storm events, releases untreated sewage into the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers. This is a tool to help provide better water quality for fishing, boating, and the viewing of wildlife.

Additionally, green roofs are financially beneficial for home owners. While more expensive to install, over their lifetime they save money. Savings include lowered heating and cooling costs, and an increased roof lifespan. Moreover, green roofs add to property values and a building's marketability. Many of the homes in the Southwest Waterfront lack private green space.

Green roofs help provide this valuable amenity.

The District Department of the Environment, administered through the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), provides a rebate to help property owners with the costs of installing a green roof. Throughout the District, residential and commercial buildings of any size are eligible to receive a green roof rebate worth up to \$7 or even \$10 per square foot.

For more information, please contact AWS by phone :301-699-6204 Ext. 114 or on the web at: <http://www.anacostiaws.org/programs/stewardship/green-roofs>.

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provides financing for the preservation and creation of affordable housing in DC and nationally. She has a Master's Degree in Real Estate Development from the University of Maryland, College Park and is a Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP).

Prior to her current position, Rachel worked at a number of affordable housing organizations including Enterprise Community Partners and Habitat for Humanity, and served for two years as an AmeriCorps member. Rachel is a member of the Jubilee Housing Support Alliance Board, and actively participates in the local Half Street Market initiative. She and her husband James met while serving in AmeriCorps, and are homeowners at Potomac Place Tower.

When looking to purchase their first home, Rachel and James knew that they wanted to do so in the Southwest neighborhood. They were attracted to Southwest because of its strong sense of community and access to amenities, including the waterfront, green spaces, and the museums on the National Mall. They also saw the potential for Southwest to grow, and that is why Rachel chose to serve as an ANC Commissioner. With all of the new development that is proposed for the community, Rachel has an inherent interest in ensuring that these new amenities are added to the neighborhood in a thoughtful way that is respectful of the existing community. Rachel and James hope to start their family in Southwest, and both are excited about working with the community.

Sam Marrero:

As Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 6D 01 Sam will continue to place emphasis on educational, environmental, and public transportation initiatives in 6D 01. Sam was elected to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly in March 2013, and served as the SWNA Vice President and District 1 Representative.

In addition to strong pride for his community, Sam has a deep interest in urban planning and looks forward to working with DC government agencies, the SW BID, and interested investors and developers to produce a Southwest and L'Enfant Plaza community that best serves current and future SW residents of all ages and races. Sam has given time and energy towards physical upkeep and fundraising efforts for the Southwest Duck Pond. Sam helped manage the installation of the Southwest Community Gardens in Lansburgh Park, and currently manages the Southwest Community Gardens website, www.swgardens.org. Sam regularly publishes thought-provoking



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Photo: Saadia Athias

interviews and articles that advocate for his initiatives (see: "Save the 74!" and Q&A's with Steve Moore, executive director of future SW BID, and Ian Callendar, Blind Whino Director) in The Southwester. Sam is an avid gardener and cyclist.

Sam works on Fort McNair at National Defense University, where he serves as Aide to U.S. Ambassador Wanda Nesbitt, the Resident Ambassador of National Defense University (NDU). Keeping with his commitment to the success of neighborhood schools, Sam leads a group of 25 military officers and federal government professionals to Amidon-Bowen

Elementary for a weekly reading tutor program for Amidon first-graders. Sam is driven by seeing the human development results possible when neighboring Southwest federal resources are tapped for the benefit of the SW Community.

Sam moved to DC in 2011 after one year in the Middle East (6 months in Egypt and 6 months in Jordan) on the Department of Defense Boren Fellowship, where he researched the economic and political effects of Egypt's labor unrest and unemployment. Sam's time in Egypt coincided with the run up to the Arab Spring, after which Sam was evacu-

ated from Egypt and relocated to Jordan. Sam was also in Egypt in the Summer of 2009 on the State Dept's Critical Language Scholarship. Sam speaks Arabic fluently and also worked as a Research Analyst at NDU researching captured Al-Qaeda archived records. Sam has a Bachelor's degree in History from Wake Forest University and an MA in Int'l Trade & Security from the Monterey Institute of Int'l Studies. In August 2013, Sam received an Honorable Mention for the Saul Linowitz Federal Service Award for his research work and community initiatives linking NDU and the Southwest community.

Randall Community Center

WINTER CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2014
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STILL LIFE & FIGURATIVE PAINTING

***Starts January 4th**

Ages 18 & Over
David Ibata, a BFA Fine Arts graduate from the Corcoran College of Art & Design and a MFA Painting Graduate from the New York Academy of Art brings his talent to this course where participants will be able to improve on their fundamental knowledge of oil painting. Saturday's, 1-2:30pm

KAWAII FASHION ART

***Starts January 8th**

Ages 12 and up
Imani K. Brown, aka IKB- tattoo artist, illustrator, painter, and blogger presents "kawaii" (Japanese for cute) and Japanese fashion trends. This class teaches girls & guys how to channel their inner kawaii-style and wear it daily. Learn the basics of some of Japan's most fashion forward street styles. Young ladies and gentlemen will explore the sub-culture fashions and create some easy DIY pieces to add to their wardrobes, based off of these fashions. Wednesday's, 4-5pm

ORAL/PERSONAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

***Starts January 6th**

Ages 14 and Up
Shefa Nola Benoit is a folklorist and story-catcher who collects and preserves the personal memories, experiences and living legacies of every day people. This workshop will introduce participants to the conceptual, logistical and technical aspects to creating a final individual or community audio/visual production. Monday's, 5:30-7pm

PERFORMING ARTS/DRAMA CLUB

***Starts January 9th**

Ages 16 and up
Improvisation, Script reading, and stage direction are just a few of the aspects of bringing words to life on the stage that will be covered in this program. Workshops will culminate in community performances. Thursday's, 5-7pm

SCREENPRINTING

***Start January 10th**

Ages 10 and up
Visual Artist, Shaymar, brings Do It Yourself Screenprinting to Randall. Learn the techniques to transform t-shirts, tote bags, pillows, and more into eye-catching pieces of art that will make everyone ask, "Where did you get that?" Friday's, 4-5:45pm

VIDEO PRODUCTION

***Starts January 11th**

Ages 14 and up
Sarai Taomi Gaylord is an editor, producer and filmmaker who, through film, promotes the beauty, creativity and stories of our diverse and eclectic world. Participants will enjoy the creative outlet of scriptwriting, storyboarding, filming and editing four 5-minute episodes and one PSA for our YouTube channel while also learning about teamwork, responsibility, communication, dependability and patience. Saturday's, 12 – 2:00pm

YOGA FOR YOUTH

*** Starts January 6th**

Ages 8-17
Yoga creates an opportunity for integration and harmony for the individual by calming the mind and toning the entire nervous system. The typical 1-hour session includes four aspects: a series of physical postures, deep relaxation, simple breathing exercises and meditation. Monday's, 4-5pm

YOGA FOR ADULTS

***Starts January 6th**

Ages 18 and over
Yoga creates an opportunity for integration and harmony for the individual by calming the mind and toning the entire nervous system. The typical 1-hour session includes four aspects: a series of physical postures, deep relaxation, simple breathing exercises and meditation. Monday's, 5-6pm

MONTHLY FITNESS WORKSHOPS

***Starts January 25th**

Ages 15 and up
Fitness & Health workshops will occur once a month. Subjects will include Wellness, Minority Health, Cardiovascular/Respiratory Health, Stress Management, Nutrition, Weight Management and Fitness for Senior's. Saturday, 11-1pm

AFTERSCHOOL TIME

***Starts January 6th**

Youth in grades 3-7 will be involved in academic enrichment, creative arts, performing arts, fitness, health, and environmental programming. Homework help and snacks will be provided each day. Monday-Thursday, 3:15-5:15pm

P.O.W.E.R. FOR TEENS

***Starts January 10th**

Prevention, Outreach, Wellness, Education and Risk Reduction (P.O.W.E.R.) Program provides prevention and education services to high-risk adolescents to promote healthy lifestyles. One Friday each month, 5-7pm

TEEN BOOK CLUB

***Starts January 10th**

Ages 14-18
This is an opportunity to share the reading of a favorite book, a bestseller or a childhood favorite. The members of the club choose the books they will read and discuss. Friday, 4-5pm

TOT LOT

***Currently running**

This is activity time for toddlers, **ages 18 months to 3 years old**, and parent/caregiver. Children are introduced to movement and activities that develop gross motor skills that can enhance balance, coordination, socialization, strength, self-esteem and reinforce cognitive development in a safe, nurturing and fun environment. Thursday's, 10:30-11:45

ADULT BOOK CLUB

***Starts January 6th**

Ages 18 and up
This is an opportunity to share the reading of a favorite book, a bestseller or a childhood favorite. The members of the club choose the books they will read and discuss. Monday, 5-6:30pm

CHESS

***Starts January 8th**

Ages 8 and up
This class will work with a variety of levels in the game Chess. From the beginner to the experienced, this is a pass time for all ages. It enhances the mind and helps players develop good life strategy skills. Become a part of Randall's Chess Team! Wednesday's, 5:30-6:30pm

THE CRAFT WORKSHOP

*** Starts January 11th**

Ages 5-16, but all ages welcome
The Craft Workshop is a creative collective workshop that covers an exciting array of subjects and is a playground for creativity. The course offers endless workshops for all skill levels including handmade crafts, décor, paper goods, and other craft projects. You'll learn about new materials, techniques and new ways to express yourself while utilizing recycled and found items to produce. Saturday's, 11am-1pm

FAMILY TIME

***Starts January 6th**

This is open time for families to come together to play games, read a book, do arts & crafts projects, use the computer or any number of things at available at the Community Center. Come out and meet your neighbors! Wednesday's, 5-7:00pm, Saturday's, 10am-12noon

ALL PROGRAMS AND CLASSES ARE FREE!

JANUARY

FRI 3 @ 6:30 P.M. potluck, 7 P.M. games. St. Augustine’s Game Night. Bring a potluck dish to share. Board and card games provided, but feel free to bring your own games, too. All ages welcome. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St SW, 202-554-3222 www.staugustinesdc.org or rector@staugustinesdc.org

SUN 5 @ 6:30 P.M. St. Dominic Church, Religious Movie Seminar “San Francisco” starring Clark Gable, Jeanette MacDonald, and Spencer Tracy (1936) (115min) and Documentary Profile, Clark Gable: Tall, Dark and Handsome (1996) FREE. Everyone is welcome. Some people bring food to share but there is no obligation. St. Dominic Church, 630 E St SW, 202-554-7863.

MON 6 @ 7-8:30 P.M. PAWS of Southwest. The monthly meeting is open to the public in the downstairs community room of in the **SW Neighborhood Library**. Also find us **PAWS of Southwest** on Facebook.

TUES 7 @ 7 P.M. Karin Silverman “Mindfulness and Meditation for Daily Living”. Silverman has been practicing meditation for over 40 years. Join her as she discusses the benefits of meditation and how it improves physical, mental, and spiritual health. Karin will present effective methods for creating a more satisfying life and a deep sense of peace. In this presentation, you will learn effective strategies and a simple but profound meditation technique that will help reduce stress and worry. Participants will have a chance to practice this simple technique that can reduce stress.**SW Neighborhood Library.**

WED 8 @ 7 P.M. St. Augustine’s Art & Spirit Coffeehouse. “Seeking the Divine” Painter Christine Nicoll Parson works primarily in watercolor on paper or wood with collage. The multi-talented artist describes her galleries as “abstract and

Community Calendar

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collage work, portrait and figure paintings, and liturgical pieces” including stained glass. Coffee and desserts, followed by audience Q&A. Free, donations accepted. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St SW. 202-554-3222 www.staugustinesdc.org or rector@staugustinesdc.org

THURS 9 @ 8-9:30 A.M. Councilmember Tommy Wells Southwest Community Office Hours at Channel Inn on the Waterfront located at 650 Water St SW.

SAT 11 @ 1 P.M. DAV Auxiliary, Federal Unit #1 meets at DAV National & Legislative Headquarters, 807 Maine Ave SW. This meeting is open to family members of military veterans; please join us. For more information, please contact Commander Gloria Simon at ghs919@msn.com or 202-554-0573.

SAT 11 @ 4-5:30 P.M. Experience Yoga Nidra: Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation with the opportunity to set your intention. No experience in yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email wilsonpj108@verizon.net

SUN 12 @ 6:30 P.M. St. Dominic Church Religious Movie Seminar, 630 E St SW. ‘The Devil at 4 O’clock’ with Spencer Tracy and Frank Sinatra (1961) (126 minutes) FREE. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to bring food to share but there is no obligation. St. Dominic Church, 630 E St SW, 202-554-7863.

MON 13 @ 7-10 P.M. ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4th St SW, DCRA Hearing Room on 2nd floor.

WED 15 @ 12 Noon The Southwest Waterfront AARP #4751 chapter. Installation of New AASRP SWWF Chapter Officers. Speaker, the Rev. Mary E. Ivey, a Southwest resident and founder of Maine Avenue Ministries, will present her life story through her autobiography: Another Women at the Well: Truth Reigns Supreme. **Autographed books will be available for purchase.** Current AARP members and new prospective members are welcome. River Park Mutual Homes community room, 1311 Delaware Ave SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

WED 15 @ 7 P.M. Documentary Films- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Screenings of documentaries presenting the life and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **SW Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Pl SW, 202-724-4752.**

SUN 19 @ 11 A.M. South African Youth Group Visits, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW. Young Adults from Bokamoso in Winterveldt, South Africa will perform and share their stories during service. A potluck lunch will follow including traditional South African dishes. **All welcome.** www.westminsterdc.org

SUN 19 @ 2 P.M. Sunday Matinee Movie, SW Neighborhood Library, call 202-724-4752.

SUN 19 @ 6:30 P.M. St. Dominic Church Religious Movie Seminar, 630 E St SW. ‘Angels with Dirty Faces’ with James Cagney, Pat O’Brien, and Humphrey Bogart. Featurette Dead End Kids. (1938) (97 minutes) FREE. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to bring food to share but there is no obligation. St. Dominic Church, 630 E St SW, 202-554-7863.

SAT 25 @ 1 P.M. Kitchen Table Book Discussion, SW Neighborhood Library. Copies of the January title “Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?” by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Copies available for checkout at the library.

SUN 26 @ 6:30 P.M. St. Dominic Church Religious Movie Seminar, 630 E St SW. ‘Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story’ with Moira Kelly and Martin Sheen (1996) (110 minutes). FREE. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to bring food to share but there is no obligation. St. Dominic Church, 630 E St SW, 202-554-7863.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULTS/SENIORS BINGO BRUNCH, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, at King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW. FREE

BABY AND TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:30 A.M., Tuesdays Jan 7th, 14th 21st and 28th. Songs, fingerplays, and games to promote development of literacy skills. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW, Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music, and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the “littlest members” of a community of faith.

COMPUTER CLASSES, Tuesdays 10-12 Noon,

SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.

TUES 7 Email Basics

TUES 14 Microsoft Word

TUES 21 Microsoft Excel

TUES 28 Microsoft PowerPoint

FEB 4 Introduction to Personal Computers

FAMILY GAME NIGHT, THURSDAYS, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Join the **SW Neighborhood Library** for game nights! Come play a host of Wii video games or enjoy a nice board game. Thurs 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, SATURDAYS, 12-2 P.M., Jitterbug, Lindy Hop, Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children 8-17. **Christ United Methodist Church,** 900 4th St SW, Community room off Wesley Place SW.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, SATURDAYS, 12:45-3:45 P.M., King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW. 645-7454.

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, FRIDAYS, 6-9 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

JOB SEEKERS PROGRAM, WEDNESDAYS, 1-7:00 P.M. By Appointment Only. Help with resumes, cover letters, applications, and other aspects of the job search process. SW Neighborhood Library. Call 724-4298 or stop by to set up an appointment Jan 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M., every first and third Monday Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW.

NARFE-THE NATIONAL Active and Retired Federal Employees, 1:30-2:30 P.M., every fourth Thursday through May. SW Neighborhood Library, basement meeting room.

POLICE SERVICE AREA 105, Community meeting, **7-8:30 P.M.,** every third Thursday. Location announced at previous meeting.

POLICE SERVICE AREA 106, Community meeting, **10-11 A.M.,** every last Saturday, Senior Citizen Community Room 900 5th St SE.

PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME, 10:30 A.M. Wednesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th featuring stories and picture books, songs, and fun activities for preschoolers up to kindergarten. **PAJAMA STORYTIME, 7 P.M.** Stories and picture books fun and learning before bedtime, SW Neighborhood Library.

SEATED YOGA, 11:00-Noon on Mondays, and Wednesdays 4-5 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster’s Wellness program.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, **8:30 P.M.,** Mondays, St. Augustine’s Church, 600 M St SW, (202) 554-3222.

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M., Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW.

TOT LOT Program, Randall Community Center, South Capitol & I St SW 554-6973.

WALK FOR WELLNESS Tuesdays and Fridays, while walking to music, **11-12 P.M.** in the gym of King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB, 7-9 P.M., First and third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions, and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW. 202-863-0564

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW, **4 P.M.** Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine). **5:30 P.M.** Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi). **6:45 P.M.** Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). **7 P.M.** Narcotics Anonymous SW Freeway Meeting.




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‘The Tallest Tree in the Forest’ and Other Events at Arena Stage

By Sheila Wickowski

Daniel Beaty takes on one of the 20th century's legendary performers, Paul Robeson, in his one man show *The Tallest Tree in the Forest*. Robeson was an renowned vocalist, whose signature songs include "Ol' Man River," "Happy Days are Here Again," and "Steal Away." His stage and screen roles, *Othello* and *Show Boat*, are classics.

A wealthy man with an international reputation, he was known as an activist and a critic of the government which eventually led to his being blacklisted during the McCarthy era. Robeson was also an All-American end at Rutgers, a Phi Beta Kappa scholar, a poet, and a lawyer.

Beaty has been hailed for his "ocean-deep baritone," and carrying himself in "the formal, declamatory manner that was Robeson's hallmark." In the show, he plays dozens of characters, sometimes both sides of a dialogue, and ages Robeson's voice over 50 years.

Robeson's life and Beaty's re-telling of it make this tour de force a must see.



Photo by Don Ippock

Daniel Beaty

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

WHAT: Piano Bar - Wednesday, January 22nd, following the 7:30 pm performance. Hosted by Joshua Morgan with special guests in the Grand Lobby. No ticket necessary.

WHAT: Post-Show Discussions with Artists and Staff on January 22, 28, and February 5 following the noon matinee with guests speakers; January 30th following the 8:00 pm performance and February 4th following the 7:30 pm performance with playwright and performer Daniel Beaty.

WHAT: The award-winning Commedia dell'Arte troupe Faction of Fools brings their own devilish sense of humor with a presentation of an adapted classic.

WHERE: Arena Stages Kogod Cradle

WHEN: January 9-12, 2014

COST: Tickets are \$10

Want To Go?

WHAT: World Premiere Presentation of Daniel Beaty's *The Tallest Tree in the Forest* directed by Moises Kauman

WHERE: Kreeger Theater

INFORMATION: Tickets may be purchased online at arenastage.org, by phone at 202-488-3300 or at the Sales Office at 1101 6th St SW

SOUTHWEST NIGHT: (reduced price for Southwest residents) for *The Tallest Tree in the Forest*: Tuesday, January 21st, at 7:30 pm

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by DCHA on behalf of Greenleaf for a planning grant, which would have provided \$500,000 in federal money for a redevelopment plan, DCHA must now seek a private real estate company with whom to partner in redeveloping the complex as a mixed-income community.

Committed to the notion of mixed income residences, the new Greenleaf development promises to maintain its 493 units of affordable housing no matter how many units are developed in the new plan.

While Councilmember McDuffie's bill has yet to reach committee, Liotta-Atkinson expressed confidence that Greenleaf would fall within the purview of the proposed law.

Greenleaf isn't the only development committed to providing affordable housing to the quadrant's existing population.

Sky House DC, a luxury apartment complex consisting of two renovated high rises that previously housed the United States Environmental Protection Agency, also plans to allocate 20%, or 106 units, as affordable housing units for those earning up to 50% AMI.

While some apartments in Sky House DC are expected to cost a renter upwards of \$3,000 per month, the commitment to providing a

mixed-income housing development also means that long-time Southwest residents will have an opportunity to live there at an affordable cost.

Private companies also acknowledge the District's need to preserve affordable housing. This month, Rose Green Cities Fund, headed by New York City affordable housing builder, Jonathan Rose Company, purchased a 223-unit apartment complex, the Channel Square Apartments, in Southwest.

The Fund plans to redevelop the four-acre complex into a mixed-income community, preserving at least 51% of the building's units for families making below the average median income.

Given the Southwest community's existing commitment to preserving affordable housing through mixed-income developments, the quadrant might serve as model if Councilmember McDuffie's bill moves forward through City Council.

Even for those developments that would not fall within the bill's purview, private developments currently underway in Southwest, such as the Channel Square Apartments, could lead the trend of private developers choosing to forego ever-rising rental costs in the District and preserve a place for long-time low income residents in neighborhoods under redevelopment.

Do Not Be Easily Angered



In rough and upsetting situations, are you a person who contributes to peace? Or do you make matters worse with rude and disrespectful outbursts? If you are easily angered, the Bible provides an answer. James 1:19 gives us 3 steps: be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin. (Prov. 13:3)

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Eagle Scouts Jamal Jones (left) and Lenster J. Banks, Jr. (right) Gives a Thumbs Up with Little Seneca Jones who volunteered at the Food Drive”

Over 250 lbs of food was collected for St. A's Food Pantry. The food drive was coordinated by St. A's Thelma D. Jones. Canned food with easy to open pop tops, Safeway gift cards or donations are always welcomed. Please contact Thelma Jones if you would like to contribute to St. A's Food Pantry.”

November Real Estate Update

By: Jason Martin

Some very interesting numbers this November compared to November 2012. If you just look at sold dollar volume and units sold you might be scratching your head about the market, however if you dig a little deeper you will see that average sold price and median sold price are up and days on market on down. Don't get confused this month, the SW market still looks very strong. Happy Holidays and give us a call with any of your 2014 real estate needs.

	Nov-13	Nov-12	%Change
Sold Dollar Volume	\$2,277,000	\$7,173,750	-68.26%
Avg Sold Price	\$325,286	\$298,906	8.83%
Median Sold Price	\$323,000	\$251,500	28.43%
Units Sold	7	24	-70.83%
Avg Days on Market	14	64	-78.13%
Avg List Price for Solds	\$334,700	\$305,013	9.73%
Avg SP to OLP Ratio	96.4%	95.7%	0.80%



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